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## FYI. Everyone should spend a day riding with Dickie Welch⊕

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**2015 OK FLOOD ASSESSMENT / CARTER COUNTY, OK (WEST OF I-35)**: EPA conducted a site visit on 7/21 with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC). While there continues to be no evidence of recoverable oil, some of the sorbent booms left in place after EPA demobilized showed some visible oil staining. Triple Dee the main Oil Operator in the area has agreed to remove and dispose of all remaining sorbent boom at the site under the supervision of the OCC.

**Cimarex Energy Spill; Bryan County, OK.** Conditions remain unchanged. Cimarex continues to conduct removal of oily debris and daily overflights of the submerged process equipment to look for any signs of a discharge. The USACE will begin repair operations soon on the Cumberland Levee but it is expected to be several months before the levee is repaired and pumping operations can begin to remove water from the flood impacted area.

**XTO Spill, Wilson, OK:** EPA conducted a site visit on 7/21 with OCC to a spill from an XTO flow line. The 4 inch flow line crosses an unnamed tributary of Walnut Bayou. Debris hit the flow line damaging it and releasing oil and produced water. Approximately 1 mile of Walnut Bayou has been slightly impacted. XTO has hired Hull Environmental to conduct cleanup activities. Approximately a dozen Contractors and two vacuum trucks were onsite at the time of the inspection. The cleanup is expected to take a week. The spill was estimated to be approx. 10 barrels.

**Romax Corp., Carter Co. OK:** EPA coordinated with OCC on an oil spill from a 2 inch flowline owned by the Romax Corp. in Carter Co., OK. The spill was estimated to be less than 10 barrels and impacted approx. a .25 mile segment of an unnamed creek. According to OCC Romax has removed all visibly recoverable oil from the creek.

**Brammer Petroleum Spill, Gainesville, TX:** EPA conducted a site visit on 7/21 and inspected the spill area. The spill occurred on June 6/7 when a tank overflowed from a Brammer tank battery and discharged approx. 10 barrels of crude oil into an unnamed tributary of Wheeler Creek. Dillon Environmental was hired for cleanup and at the time of the inspection yesterday all visibly recoverable crude oil and oily debris has been removed from both the unnamed tributary and Wheeler Creek. Brammer will forward all transportation and disposal information to the OSC and a final Polrep will be issued.

